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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : James F. McGUCKIN
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 36 - 51 as follows:

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36. (Amended) An apparatus for resecting tissue within a body lumen, comprising:

an operating capsule selectively coupleable to a flexible endoscope, the operating capsule, when in an operative position, being entirely located within a body

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